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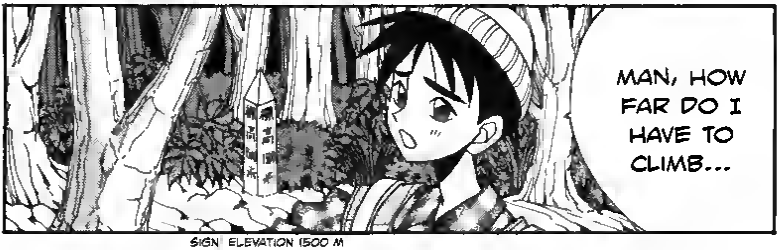

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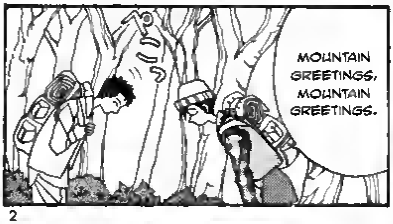

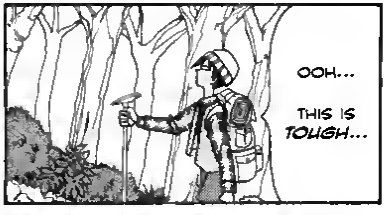

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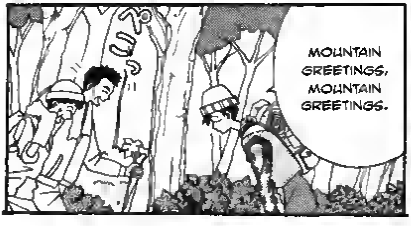

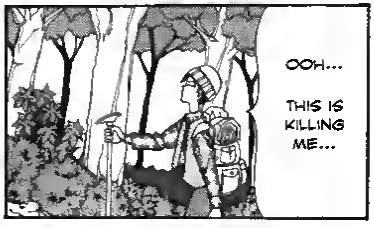

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MOUNTAIN GREETINGS.
I'M SERIOUSLY GOING TO DIE...
HUH?
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GAH!
IT'S A WILD BOAR!
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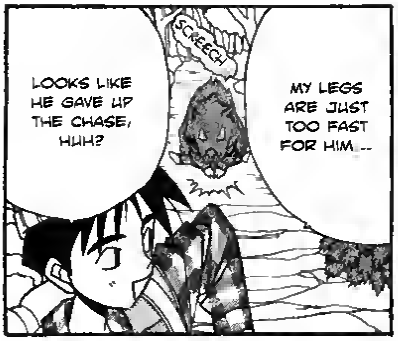
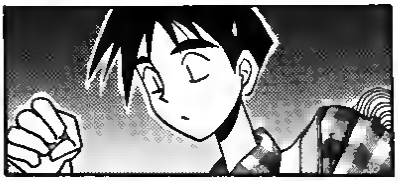
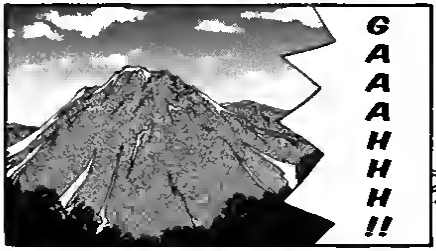
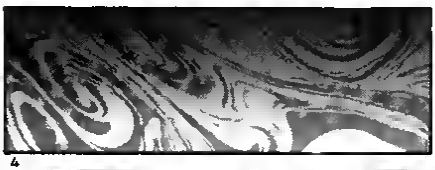
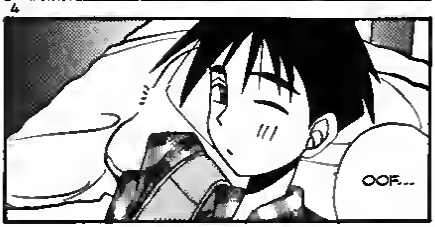

CRUNCH
LOOKS LIKE HE GAVE UP THE CHASE, HUH?
MY LEGS ARE JUST TOO FAST FOR HIM...

UGH...




GAAAAHHHH!!




OOF...

OOPS.

W-WHERE AM I?
YOU'VE COME TO, HUH?
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
LAST THING I REMEMBER... I MUST HAVE FALLEN FROM THAT CLIFF...!
NOW I SEE... YOU'RE A GODDESS, AREN'T YOU!!
I'VE DIED, HAVEN'T I?
YOU'RE KIND OF A PLAIN-LOOKING GODDESS, THOUGH AREN'T YOU?
STUFF IT.
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I'VE LEFT UNDONE!
I DIDN'T GET INTO UNIVERSITY... I DIDN'T LOSE MY VIRGINITY... I NEVER ATE SHARK FIN OR TRUFFLES...
UM... AND... AND...
YOU'RE NOT DEAD

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LIKE I SAID, YOU'RE NOT DEAD THOUGH...
IT'S SO SAD...
PLEASE STOP TRYING TO CHEER ME UP.
STOP THAT, BATSUICHI!!
EYAAH !!
IT SEEMS THAT MY PET GAVE YOU SOME TROUBLE...
PET?
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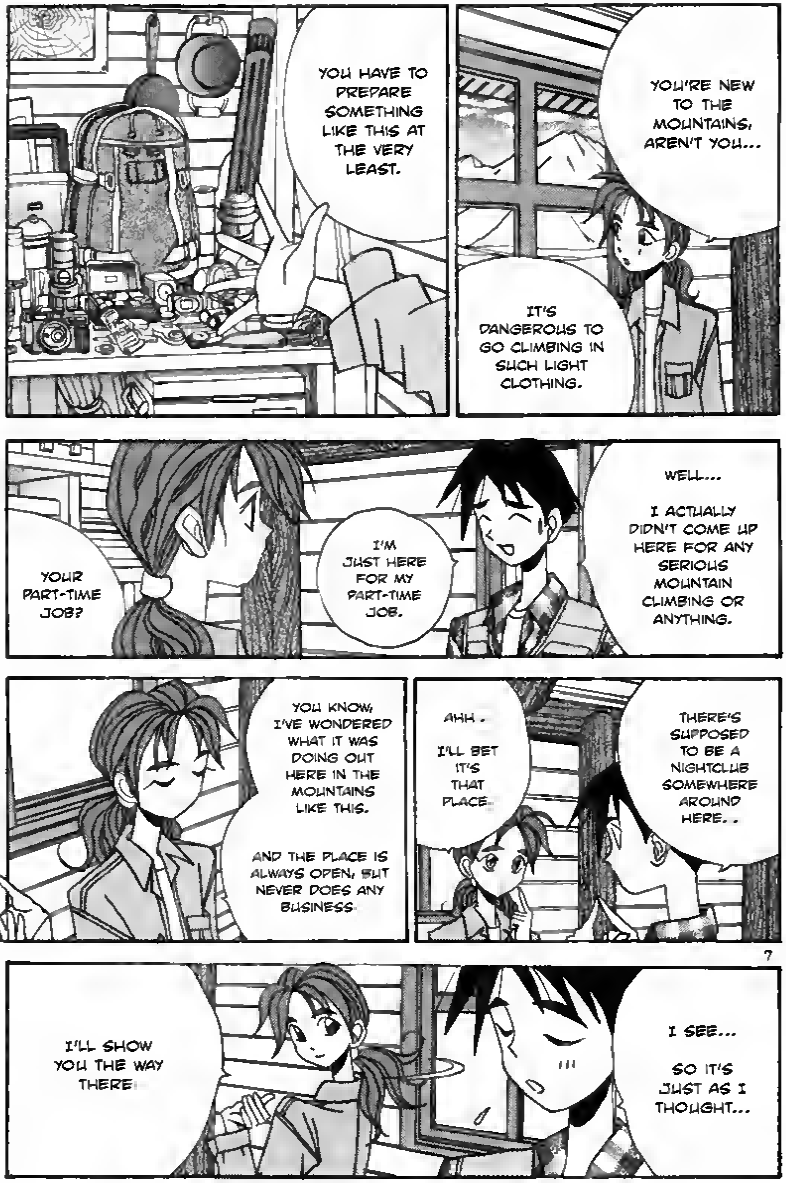
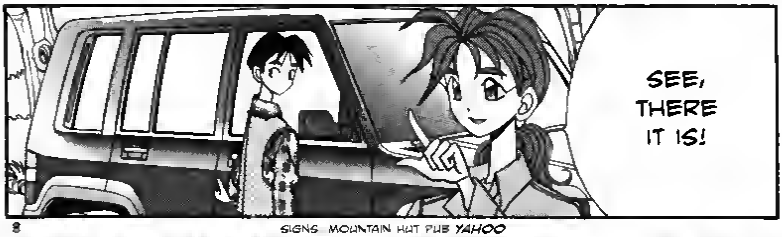
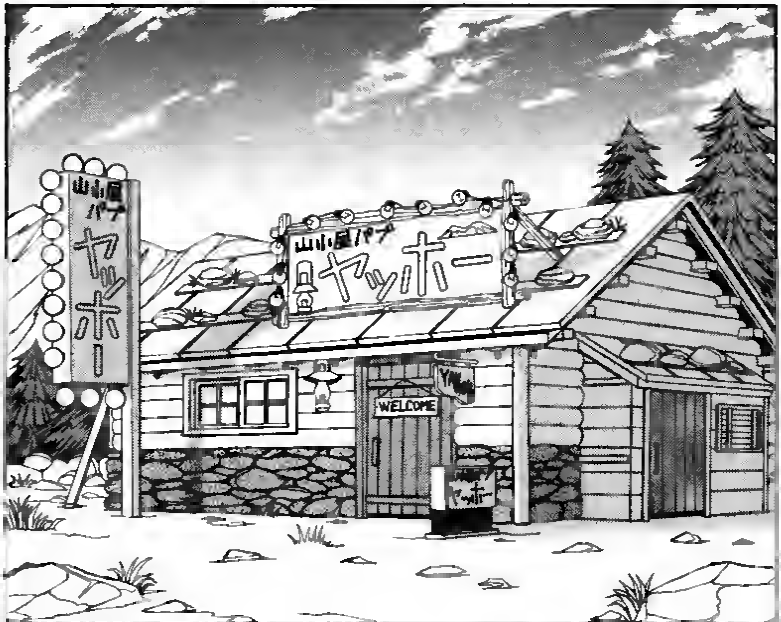
YOU JUST FAINTED FROM THE SHOCK!
2 METERS.
THAT'S RIGHT...
IT WAS HIS FAULT THAT I FELL OFF THAT CLIFF.
BUT IT WAS ONLY 2 METERS, YOU KNOW.


YOU HAVE TO PREPARE SOMETHING LIKE THIS AT THE VERY LEAST.
YOU'RE NEW TO THE MOUNTAINS, AREN'T YOU...
IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO CLIMBING IN SUCH LIGHT CLOTHING.
WELL...
I ACTUALLY DIDN'T COME UP HERE FOR ANY SERIOUS MOUNTAIN CLIMBING OR ANYTHING.
I'M JUST HERE FOR MY PART-TIME JOB.
YOUR PART-TIME JOB?
YOU KNOW, I'VE WONDERED WHAT IT WAS DOING OUT HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS LIKE THIS.
AND THE PLACE IS ALWAYS OPEN, BUT NEVER DOES ANY BUSINESS.
AHH.
I'LL BET IT'S THAT PLACE.
THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A NIGHTCLUB SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE..
I SEE...
SO IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT...
I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY THERE.



SIGNS MOUNTAIN HUT PUB YAHOO



I BROUGHT A GUY WHO SAYS HE'S HERE FOR SOME PART-TIME WORK!
OHO!
YO, KODAMA -CHAN.
JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, I'VE HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH THE LACK OF HELP.
LACK OF HELP?
SO THE CLUB IS THAT BUSY?
SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT
CLUB?
NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN...
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I'LL BE PUTTING YOU TO WORK RIGHT HERE.
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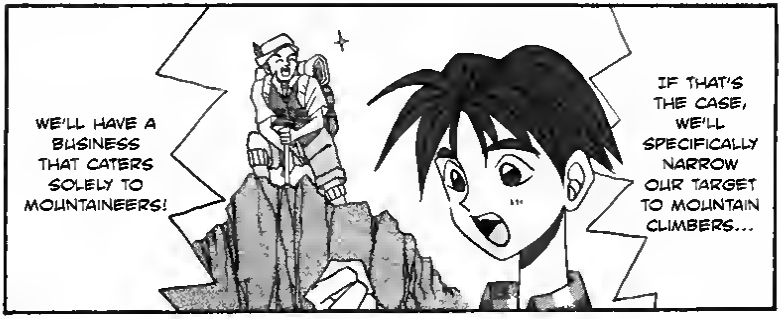
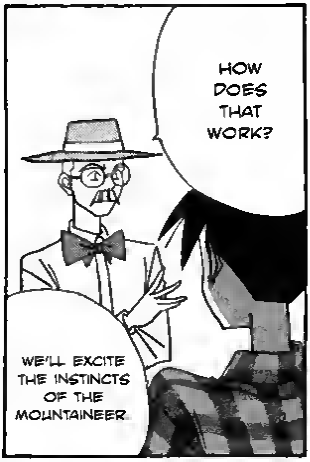
GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING...
OK, WHY HAVE THE BUSINESS AT ALL THEN?
WELL, AS A BRANCH OF THE KAIEDA GROUP, PRIDE WON'T ALLOW US TO CLOSE IT, YOU KNOW...
DO AS YOU LIKE.
ANYWAY, SINCE WE DON'T GET ANY CUSTOMERS...
WELL THEN, IT'S ABOUT TIME TO GET STARTED WITH OUR MAIN BUSINESS.
THAT WAS...
NOT WHAT I CAME HERE FOR...

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING...
GRR...
AT THIS RATE I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO TOKYO...
SOMETHING...
SOMETHING...
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING...
GRR—
SO IT'S TRUE, NOBODY CAME.
WELL, IT'S IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, RIGHT...
CLOSED
THAT'S IT!!
MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS, HUH—
THERE'S BASICALLY NOBODY BUT MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS AROUND HERE...


WE'LL HAVE A BUSINESS THAT CATERS SOLELY TO MOUNTAINEERS!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE'LL SPECIFICALLY NARROW OUR TARGET TO MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS...

HE'LL ANSWER...
"BECAUSE IT'S THERE."
IF YOU ASK A MOUNTAINEER WHY HE CLIMBS A MOUNTAIN...


HOW DOES THAT WORK?
WE'LL EXCITE THE INSTINCTS OF THE MOUNTAINEER.

GIVEN THAT, THIS PLACE BEING HALFWAY UP THE MOUNTAIN ISN'T ENOUGH.
IT'S INSTINCTUAL FOR A MOUNTAINEER TO CLIMB MOUNTAINS.

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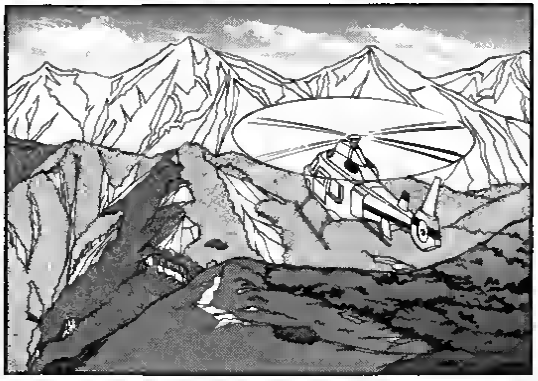
HARUHEI, YOU BASTARD, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THIS TIME...



WHAT THE-?!
HM?
SIR, DOWN THERE...
W-WHAT THE HELL?!
HAS HE BROUGHT THE WHOLE PLACE TO THE SUMMIT..?
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BUT ANYBODY WHO'S CLIMBED UP THERE...
IS 100% CERTAIN TO GO INSIDE.
BRINGING IT TO THE SUMMIT IS CRAZY...
WE DIDN'T GET CUSTOMERS EVEN WHEN IT WAS IN THE VILLAGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN...
SURE SEEMS LIKE IT, DOESN'T IT?

A WHILE AGO A TV CELEBRITY OPENED A PLACE AT THE FIFTH STATION ON MT. FUJI...
IT'S BASIC HUMAN PSYCHOLOGY...
B-BUT... ARE THERE GIRLS THAT WILL GO TO A PLACE LIKE THAT...?
SURE
PEOPLE ARE SAID TO BECOME OBSESSED WITH PLACES THAT THEY CAN RARELY GET TO, RIGHT...
AT FIRST, THEY SAID HE WAS CRAZY... BUT THEN IT SURPRISINGLY TURNED OUT TO BE A HIT!
THERE'S ONE I CAN COUNT ON.
IT'S THE SAME PSYCHOLOGY THAT MAKES PEOPLE GO CRAZY BUYING SOUVENIRS ON A TRIP OVERSEAS.
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!
WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED WITH A NIGHTCLUB!!
WAIT... NO WAY!!
IT'S JUST A REWARD FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE CLIMBERS.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BE THERE!
NO WAY I'M DOING THAT...

YOU'RE A CLIMBER, TOO...
YOU SHOULD KNOW THE FEELING.
SHOULDN'T THERE BE SOMEONE THERE WITH A WORD OF PRAISE?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH EFFORT THE MOUNTAINEER PUTS INTO THE CLIMB, ALL HE HAS IS THE SOLITUDE OF MOTHER NATURE TO GREET HIM AT THE TOP.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THERE WILL BE ANY CUSTOMERS!
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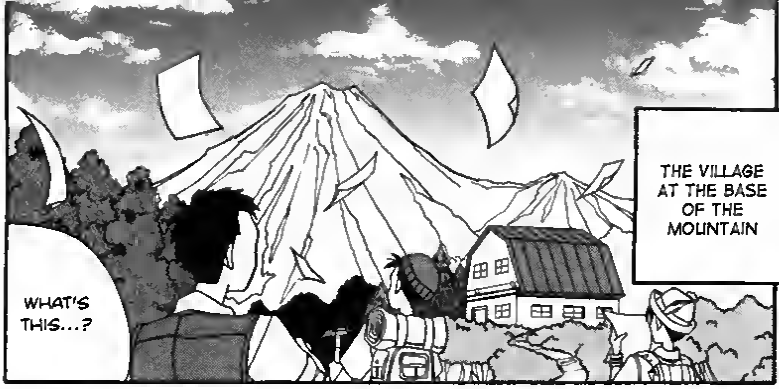
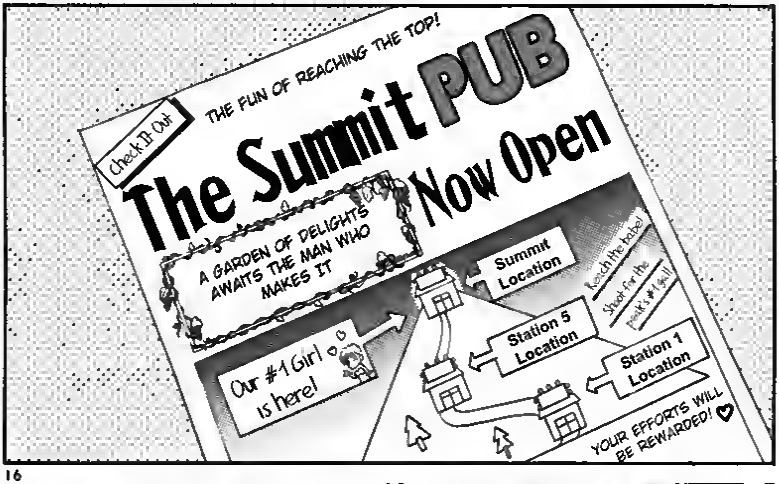
THANK YOU!!
BUT IF IT'S JUST ONE GIRL, WILL IT EVEN BE WORTH THE TRIP?
JUST ONE GIRL IS ALL THAT'S NEEDED.
THE CLIMBERS ARE ALL GOING TO FLOCK UP THE MOUNTAIN
TOWARDS THE GODDESS OF THE SUMMIT!
BEFORE LONG, IT WILL BECOME A LEGEND AND THE LATEST TREND!!
THERE SHOULD ONLY BE ONE #1 GIRL ON THE SUMMIT!!


WHAT'S THIS...?
THE VILLAGE AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN


Check It Out
THE FUN OF REACHING THE TOP!
The Summit PUB
Now Open
A GARDEN OF DELIGHTS AWAITS THE MAN WHO MAKES IT
Summit Location
Reach the Peak!
Shoot for the Peak! #1 Girl!
Station 5 Location
Station 1 Location
Our #1 Girl is here!
YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE REWARDED!

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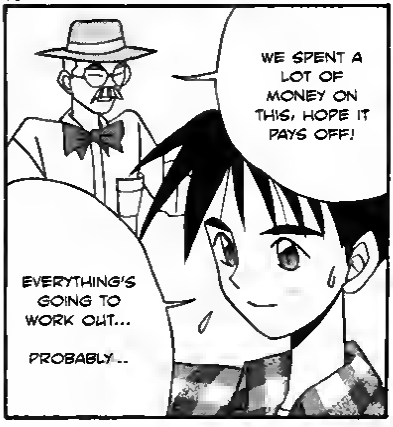
WE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY ON THIS, HOPE IT PAYS OFF!
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO WORK OUT...
PROBABLY...

WHAT IDIOCY IS HE STARTING NOW...

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